

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 991

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on State Route 151 in Jackson County in honor of the late Donna Sue Clark.

WHEREAS, in expressing deep sorrow for the loss of a beloved member of our community, the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee wish to honor the memory of Donna Sue Clark, a person whose very life serves as an inspiration to those she left behind; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2000, Donna Sue Clark, at the tender age of twenty-three years, was killed by a hit and run driver; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sue Clark was the cherished daughter of Don Clark and is fondly remembered as a most remarkable human being whose life was ended all too soon; and

WHEREAS, always displaying her beautiful smile and sparkling personality, Donna Sue Clark lived her heart's desire and was a blessing to all who knew her, and her soaring spirit is lovingly remembered; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sue Clark has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the valiant, values-driven, and deeply spiritual life of this exceptional human being by naming a certain bridge in her honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge (#44-SR151-2.71) spanning Hudson Creek on State Route 151 in Jackson County is hereby designated the "Donna Sue Clark Memorial Bridge" in memory of a

young lady for whom life was an adventure and a gift and who evidenced impeccable character and a stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Donna Sue Clark Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.